

***Irrepressible***

***Philippians 1:1-8***

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**1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:**

**2 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,**

**4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,**

**5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;**

## **Philippians 1:1-8 - continued**

**6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:**

**7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.**

**8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.**

# **Satan's Dilemma With Paul**

**A. Lock him up in prison**

**Jailors get saved**

**B. Kill him**

**Promote him to glory**

**C. Free him**

**Turns world upside down**

**D. Leave him in prison**

**Writes Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon**

# **I. His Pen (1:1-8)**

## **Proverbs 25:11**

**A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.**

**A. Inspired by God (1:1-3)**

**B. Intercession for others (1:4-5)**

**C. Invoking his love for others (1:6-8)**

## **II. His Prayer (1:9-12)**

### **Ephesians 6:18**

**Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;**

## **II. His Prayer (1:9-12)**

### **A. For spiritual growth (1:9)**

**Philippians 1:9**

**And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;**

### **B. For a spotless testimony (1:10)**

**Philippians 1:10**

**That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.**

## **II. His Prayer (1:9-12)**

### **C. For being spirit-filled (1:11)**

**Philippians 1:11**

**Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.**

### **D. For spiritual understanding (1:12)**

**Philippians 1:12**

**But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;**



### **III. His Purpose (1:13-18)**

#### **Isaiah 61:1**

**The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound**

### **III. His Purpose (1:13-18)**

#### **A. Christ presented by his bonds (1:13)**

**Philippians 1:13**

**So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;**

### **III. His Purpose (1:13-18)**

#### **B. Christ preached because of his bonds (1:14-18)**

##### **1. Others encouraged (v 14)**

#### **Philippians 1:14**

**And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.**

##### **2. Others emboldened (vv 15-16)**

#### **Philippians 1:15-16**

**15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:**

**16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:**

## **III. His Purpose (1:13-18)**

### **B. Christ preached because of his bonds (1:14-18) (continued)**

#### **3. Others empowered (vv 17-18)**

#### **Philippians 1:17-18**

**17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.**

**18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.**

## **IV. His Prospects (1:19-26)**

### **Philippians 4:11-13**

**11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.**

**12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.**

**13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.**

## **IV. His Prospects (1:19-26)**

### **A. For release from prison (1:19)**

**Philippians 1:19**

**For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,**

## **IV. His Prospects (1:19-26)**

### **B. For resolve regardless of outcome (1:20-26)**

#### **Philippians 1:20-26**

**20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.**

**21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.**

**22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.**

**23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:**

## **IV. His Prospects (1:19-26)**

### **B. For resolve regardless of outcome (1:20-26)**

#### **Philippians 1:20-26 - continued**

**24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.**

**25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;**

**26 That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.**



## **V. His Pulpit (1:27-2:4)**

### **A. Paul's message to the Philippians (1:27-30)**

#### **1. Purity and unity (v 27)**

##### **Philippians 1:27**

**Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;**

#### **2. Boldness (v 28)**

##### **Philippians 1:28**

**And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.**

## **V. His Pulpit (1:27-2:4)**

### **A. Paul's message to the Philippians (1:27-30) - continued**

#### **3. Perseverance (v 29)**

##### **Philippians 1:29**

**For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;**

#### **4. Experience (v 30)**

##### **Philippians 1:30**

**Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.**

## **V. His Pulpit (1:27-2:4)**

### **B. Christ's model for the Philippians (2:1-4)**

#### **1. Compassion (v 1)**

##### **Philippians 2:1**

**If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,**

#### **2. Consensus (v 2)**

##### **Philippians 2:2**

**2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.**

## **V. His Pulpit (1:27-2:4)**

### **B. Christ's model for the Philippians (2:1-4) - continued**

#### **3. Contrition (v 3)**

##### **Philippians 2:3**

**Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.**

#### **4. Concern (v 4)**

##### **Philippians 2:4**

**Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.**

# **We Need To Be Irrepressible**

**2 Timothy 1:7**

**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**